

"BUFFALO NICKEL" IS MONEY-MAKER

Million-dollar Increase in Coinage Due to Popular Piece.

CHANGE MADE IN DIES

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The new "buffalo nickel" has been a money-maker for Uncle Sam.

The credit side of the big ledger in the Treasury Department devoted to the accounts of the coinage of nickels and pennies in the various mints of the country shows an increase of almost \$1,000,000, and the new nickel played a prominent part in this increase. This is according to the figures of the annual report that Director of the Mint George E. Roberts is now compiling.

The "profit" in the coinage of nickels and pennies for the past fiscal year was \$2,477,067, and that for the year preceding was approximately \$2,500,000. In the fiscal year of 1913 the output of nickels was \$2,821,785. In the year before it was \$2,500,000. The increase was due to the change in the new piece, the first of which were issued last February, almost a year ago.

Proper Term "Sealorage."

"This profit" is not really a profit," said Director Roberts yesterday. "The proper term is 'sealorage,' and it represents the value of the issue over the cost of the metal."

A new issue of coins has to be run for twenty-five years before any of the administrative officials can make a change. This is provided by law. Congress may order new coins to be struck, but unless the law-makers order differently the "buffalo nickel" will continue to be struck for the next quarter century.

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Bulgarian Diplomat Pleads for Starving Herd in Balkans.

Paria, Jan. 10.—The Bulgarian legation today received fresh information concerning the distress in Bulgaria. The chief informant was Michel Gheorghiev, second secretary of the Paris legation, who had just returned after spending several months in his native country, during which time he took an active part in the relief work.

"The number of Bulgarians who were driven from their ancestral lands," said Gheorghiev, "exceeds 500,000, while more than 300,000 people were driven from their homes in Thrace and Macedonia. The greatest misery is due to lack of clothing and shelter from the bitter winter weather. Outside of this there is great suffering by several hundred thousands who are without food and means to earn money to buy food and clothing."

"The most urgent need is food and clothing. When the immediate suffering is relieved, steps can then be taken in the work of rehabilitation, and in a few months the population will again be self-supporting."

SKIPPER IS HELD AS WOMAN'S SLAYER

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CONFLICTING STORIES ARE TOLD

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 10.—One of the most brutal murders in the history of New England was revealed early today when the headless and partly dismembered body of Annie Walsh, thirty years old, was found aboard the coal barge Snipe at its dock. The body was lying on its back, with its head severed from its neck at the base of the skull.

Capt. Charles Matrony, of Bristol, R. I., was arrested, charged with the slaying. The police claim they found the captain crouching in the corner of the cabin, with a rope around his neck in a corner of the cabin.

The first intimation of the slaying came to the police when Louis Therien, accompanied by his twenty-year-old daughter, Flora, came to the police station shortly after midnight and reported that a woman had been killed aboard a Philadelphia and Reading coal barge lying at her dock on the water front.

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This photograph shows a gun crew at the extreme right of the rebel line at Ojinaga bombarding a detachment of federal troops on a ridge. Several of these guns covered the advance of two companies of infantry that captured the position after a short conflict.

BANQUET SPEAKERS DISCUSS TAX PLAN

Bankers and Others Take Up Suggestions of State Auditor at Dinner in Alexandria.

CAPT. R. M. LATHAM RETIRES

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 10.—Many members of the State legislature, representatives of the business organizations, and others attended the banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon at the Hotel Rammell and discussed the suggestions of subjects of taxation, as provided for in the plan of C. Lee Moore, State auditor.

The repeal of the law taxing bank depositors each year on February 1, was advocated, as was Mr. Moore's plan to repeal the tax on real estate mortgages.

Mr. Pierce, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was toastmaster. Mr. Pierce declared the present system of taxation to be half a century old. He said money on deposit in banks should be taxed from the banks at a nominal amount. In view of the fact that the tax on bank deposits is reckoned from February 1 each year, he said, thousands of dollars annually are drawn from the banks at that time throughout the State. He hoped the legislature would repeal this law, which only during the last year has been literally enforced.

The first speaker was Walter L. Booth, president of the First National Bank. He declared the banks are not trying to save anything in advocating the repeal of the law, as such institutions already are taxed very high. Banks are seeking to protect their customers.

H. R. Burke, of the banking house of Burke & Herbert, also urged the repeal of the law.

In the opinion of Walter T. Oliver, State delegate from Fairfax, prosperity is measured by the amount of money deposited in the banks of a community. Anything that would draw money from the banks to those who have it, he declared to be injurious. Mr. Oliver favored repealing the law placing a tax on mortgages, and added that he would do all in his power to secure relief.

According to John W. May, chairman of a special committee that investigated the system of State taxation, appointed some time ago by the chamber of commerce, his committee favors the repeal of the law. Mr. May briefly outlined the results of the committee's work, showing the burden of taxation to be borne by 29 out of the 100 counties in the State.

J. Fred Birrell, recently elected delegate in the legislature from this city and county, declared each county should be self-supporting. Owing to the complexity of the tax question he thought the sixty-day session of the legislature would be inadequate to properly consider the matter and he thought that there should be either a special session of the legislature to take up the matter, or otherwise that it lay over until the next session.

I am in accord with the proposed change," said State Delegate Tiffany of Fauquier. He said the people in the southwestern part of the State are not paying enough taxes. He also said he would vote to eliminate the tax on bank deposits.

Julian J. Williams favored the appointment of three members of the legislature and three other persons by the governor to consider the matter. He also expressed the hope that those present would exchange views on the subject with J. T. Preston, secretary of the chamber of commerce.

"It feels that the chamber of commerce desires only the enactment of such legislation as will help all in the State," said A. D. Brockett.

Worth Hulshuf favored repealing the law taxing real estate mortgages. He also declared the present tax system, sometimes known as the "land-grabbers' act." This, he said, benefits a number of land grabbers to the detriment of delinquent home owners.

Senator R. Ewell Thornton and W. A. Smoot, Jr., also spoke.

The invited guests were: State Senator R. Ewell Thornton, Fairfax; Walter T. Oliver, State delegate, Fairfax; J. Fred Birrell, State delegate, Alexandria; W. N. Tiffany, Fauquier; W. T. Hodges, superintendent of schools, Alexandria County; Dr. Truman A. Baker, president, board of trade, Leesburg, Va.; Judge R. H. Tebbes, Leesburg; Dr. W. R. Tullios, Prince William; R. S. Cochran, The Plains; W. L. Hueser, Prince William; Harry Hammond, president Retail Merchants' Association; R. E. Knight, representing Retail Merchants' Association; Harrie White, secretary Retail Merchants' Association; John G. Graham and G. Washington Lewis, Real Estate and Investment Corporation, Alexandria; Robert S. Barrett, M. T. Dwyer, J. F. Peyton, Alexander J. Wedderburn, newspaper representatives.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce

and others attending were: George E. Waddell, E. St. Paul, G. D. Hopkin, Carroll Pierce, J. T. Preston, Worth Hulshuf, G. L. Booth, J. L. Wraymaker, Harry Kirk, E. E. Downham, L. C. Tull, A. H. Thomas, R. L. Payne, John W. May, W. A. Smoot, Jr., Arthur Herbert, Jr., H. R. Burke, Calvin Butts, W. B. Ballenger, W. G. Harvey, C. B. Hubbard, J. William May, Windsor W. Demaine, George Uhler, A. D. Brockett, J. T. Williams, J. A. Enghorn, T. C. Smith, C. H. Callahan, and J. Lawrence Perry.

Fire at 4 o'clock this afternoon destroyed the handsome residence of State Senator R. Ewell Thornton at Fairfax Court House. The value of the residence and contents is said to be about \$15,000. There was only \$2,000 insurance on the house.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor, no one being at home at the time. Neighbors rushed to the house and succeeded in saving much of the furniture on the first floor.

An overheated stove in a bedroom on the second floor was responsible for the blaze. A wood fire only a short time before had started the stove. Mrs. Thornton was in the neighborhood at the time visiting, and when she arrived on the scene the house was destroyed.

Senator Thornton was in this city attending the banquet given by the chamber of commerce at the Hotel Rammell. It was toward the close of the banquet that he received a long-distance telephone message telling him that his house had been destroyed. He afterward was rushed in an automobile to the scene of the fire.

Final arguments were completed this afternoon before Judge Edmund Waddill in the United States Court for the Eastern district of Virginia, in the case of Oliver Duran, alias the "Kidnapper," against Charles H. Tinsley, commissioner of revenue, and E. L. Slaughter, treasurer of Culpeper County, Va., and C. Lee Moore, State auditor, from collecting about \$21,000 back taxes alleged to be due from Duran.

The court took the matter under consideration and will announce its decision at a future term. Mr. Duran claims Washington, D. C., as his home, while the county of Culpeper claims Culpeper is his home. The question, therefore, hinges on residence.

Court adjourned for the term at the conclusion of the arguments. Before adjourning the court fixed February 24 as the time for hearing the case of the condemnation of land in Fairfax County for a site for a District reformatory. There will be a special jury at that term.

Capt. R. M. Latham, for forty-five consecutive years captain of the Relief Corps and Ladder Fire Company, has been elected as active captain of the company and made honorary captain for life, with all of the privileges of captain.

A few years ago Capt. Latham became disabled as the result of a fall on the ice, and since then has been incapacitated for fire duty. Up to that time he was one of the most active firemen in the city, and seldom missed responding to an alarm. During his career as a fireman he has worked at many big fires in the city.

The company has elected these officers for the year: J. H. Trimmer, president; Frank C. Spinks, first vice president; Joseph De Silva, second vice president; Edward Howell, secretary; William Wildt, recording secretary; J. D. Norville, treasurer; L. C. Wildt, captain; J. D. Webster, first lieutenant; Richard J. Mumford, second lieutenant; Charles Bank deposits; M. M. W. C. H. Wildt, John T. Waddy, Bertine Entwistle, membership committee; Capt. R. M. Latham, J. Edward Howell, Charles F. De Moll, E. C. Wildt and Richard J. Mumford, property committee.

Considerable excitement was created at the upper end of King street at 10:30 o'clock tonight, when five pistol shots were fired in rapid succession from a buggy in which were seated three men. Immediately following the firing of the shots the men drove rapidly away.

These officers have been elected by the Knights of Columbus Building Company, Inc., of Washington, at the annual meeting, held at the office of Attorney L. P. Harlowe, Dr. H. J. Norson, president; Dr. W. E. Pairo, secretary; William H. Emery, treasurer; Thomas K. Gallagher, chairman of house committee; C. W. Aughenbaugh, assistant chairman of house committee; J. F. Murtaugh, A. E. McCarthy, and D. J. Crowell, will serve as directors.

The Vanderhook Supply Company, Inc., Alexandria County, with a maximum capital stock of \$10,000 and a minimum of \$1,000, has been chartered. Officers are: A. H. Daddum, president; C. H. Cooper, secretary, both of Washington.

Evangelistic services tomorrow night will be held in the M. E. Church South. Rev. Dr. W. E. Watson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will preach, talking for his subject "An Awful Possibility."

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London, Jan. 10.—War has broken out in Albania between the Turks and Albanians. A dispatch to a British news agency states that the town of Elbasan was attacked by the Albanians today. An uprising of Turks is expected.

They will attempt to rescue the Turkish officers arrested in connection with the plot to defeat the powers' plan for filling the Albanian throne.

Y. M. C. A. Plans Evangelist's Tour.

New York, Jan. 10.—A whirlwind coast-to-coast campaign is being mapped out by W. R. Loper, the London evangelist, by the Y. M. C. A. religious work department. Mr. Loper is expected to arrive here the latter part of February and will remain in this country during March and April.

HERALD WANT ADS.

PERSONALS.

WORKINGMEN—THIS THOUGHT IS suggested: Does it pay to save cash? If so, it's good policy to see us, get to know this little store, we keep busy, here's why: You can buy a fine slightly used overcoat, \$10 to \$20. One price, \$10.50. STURTS' OLD STAND, 89 D.

FREE TO EVERY LADY—INFORMATION how to become beautiful without drugs or medicine. Address BOX 302, West Point, Ga.

FLORIDA—PARTY TO MIAMI TO look at homes and investments. February 1st fare, \$15.00 round trip; 15 days; will care for old, children the young. See LARRY PERKINS, 1001 Park road, NW. STURTS' OLD STAND, 89 D.

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There will be an overflow meeting at Trinity M. E. Church, when a sermon will be preached by Rev. C. R. Straubinger, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Melvin Johnson, colored, today entered a plea of guilty to the charge of the robbery of three blankets and a clock from the launch of J. Sidner Douglas. He was sentenced to serve six months in jail and pay a fine of \$10. Johnson was arrested yesterday by Policemen Norris and the stolen goods were recovered.

Dr. E. A. Gorman, past dictator of the Local Order of Moose, last night was given a handsome "parting" gift at a meeting of the organization. Afterward there was a banquet at the Hotel Rammell.

A final decree for divorce on the ground of desertion, was granted in the Corporation Court today in the case of Florence T. Pettit Hamill against Charles Hamill.

There will be a men's meeting at 5:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Westminster Building of the Second Presbyterian Church, when an address will be delivered by A. E. L. Leckie, of Washington.

EUGENE GRACE DYING; WIFE REMAINS SILENT

Woman Acquitted of Shooting Young Georgian "Has Nothing to Say."

Newnan, Ga., Jan. 10.—After a two-year fight for life Eugene H. Grace, who was mysteriously shot at Atlanta in March, 1912, is dying here tonight. Physicians who have aided him in his plucky fight since paralysis overtook him as a result of his wounds today said he had but a few hours to live.

For the past two weeks Mr. Grace has been steadily declining, and Thursday night he took a sudden turn for the worse.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Daisy Ulrich Opie-Grace, whose meteoric career reached its height eighteen months ago, when she was accused by Eugene Grace, her husband of shooting him, refused to comment today on the report that Grace, who has been paralyzed since he was wounded in their home in Atlanta is dying at Newnan, Ga.

"Yes, I have heard that he is very ill," she said. "Word came to me from Newnan of his condition."

She refused to say whether the message had come from her husband. Asked whether she felt grief over his expected death she replied:

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